Scale of pay to graduate teachers.

65. ✻ MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any first grade teacher in the Education Department recruited after 1-10-1110 was given the old scale of pay, irrespective of Standardisation Rules ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the same consideration is shown to acting graduate teachers who were even before that date, recruited as second grade teachers in the scale of Rs. 50-5/1-120 ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of answer to Part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Teachers taking part in controversial politics.

66. ✻MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Will the Government be pleased to state whether licensed teachers are permitted to take part in controversial politics such as the various political organisations in the State passing as communal organisations and the State Congress ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : No.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*) : May I know what are the other particular organisations which are prohibited from taking part in controversial politics ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I have not enquired into that question Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know whether licensed teachers are allowed to take part in politics ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : They are not allowed to take part in any kind of *political* activity.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know whether licensed teachers are allowed to become members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I am not sure on the point.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know whether the member is aware that there are licensed teachers who were members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON ; Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Is the member aware Government themselves have nominated licensed teachers as members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Then I wish to know whether it is not politics that they are dealing as members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Here prohibition is against licensed teachers taking part in controversial politics directed against Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : My question is whether the licensed teacher are permitted to take part in controversial politics ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : No. They are not allowed.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then what is the difference between politics and controversial politics? Is there any kind of politics called controversial politics?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Controversial politics affect all people under the authority of Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Is it the member's view that the politics which the members of the Legislature are dealing are non-controversial politics or controversial politics?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The Legislature acts within certain strict limits and within those limits it is non-controversial.

Vadayar V. M. School.

67. ✻**MR. A. J. JOHN:** With reference to the answer given on the 26th January 1936 to question No. 230 (Vadayar V. M. School), will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed final orders with regard to the reconstruction of the school building?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No. The matter is under correspondence.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know with whom is the matter under correspondence?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: With the Chief Engineer to Government.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know for how long correspondence is going on?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The matter is under reference.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: For how long this correspondence is going on?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: For about a year.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know how many students are undergoing tuition in that school?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: About 600 students according to the last year's report, are studying in that Institution.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know how long it is that the Government have felt the necessity for the reconstruction of the Building?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: For about 3 years.

MR. A. J. JOHN: Are the Government aware that the School building is in a very dilapidated condition?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That is why I said that steps are being taken to put up additional sheds for accommodation.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know whether that proposal has been decided upon?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Is the member who has asked supplementary questions once, allowed to put a second time supplementary questions?

PRESIDENT: Certain amount of indulgence has been allowed in this House.

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